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"We thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks forever."—Psalm 79:13.

Glad Tidings

Editorial . . .

We Too Would Like to Hear The Language Jesus Spoke

The tongue of Nazareth in the days of our Lord Jesus Christ is a dialect that survives nowhere on the face of the earth except in Maloula, a painfully inaccessible village beside the Syrian desert. For a time scholars had hopes of hearing precisely how the Sermon on the Mount sounded to those who heard it two thousand years ago as it was spoken in Western Aramaic, the language then of commercial Asia.

This past summer two Americans hunted up the village of Maloula. Arriving with 20th-century recording devices, they had plans to catch that interesting dialect before it too becomes one of the extinct languages. They thought to get for scholars everywhere the exact pronunciation of the language Jesus spoke, its idiom and inflection.

Setting up the equipment and proceeding with their task, they aroused the suspicions of fearful crowds that soon became hostile. Police intervention soon had them in jail in protective custody. They escaped with their lives to Lebanon, but the recordings they did make were confiscated.

Those scholars who knew about the effort and awaited the results have resigned themselves to guessing how the ancient Aramaic speech sounded in the first century A.D. We hope another visit to Maloula sometime later will end more successfully.—M. M.

Waiting for Wisdom

The late Dr. Jowett said that he was once in the most pitiful perplexity, and consulted Dr. Berry, of Wolverhampton. "What would you do if you were in my place?" he entreated.

"I don't know, Jowett. I am not there, and you are not there yet. When do you have to act?"

"On Friday," Dr. Jowett replied.

"Then you will find your way perfectly clear on Friday. The Lord will not fail you," answered Berry. And, sure enough, on Friday all was plain.

One of the very greatest and wisest of all Queen Victoria's diplomats has left it on record that it became an inveterate habit of his mind never to allow any opinion on any subject to crystallize until it became necessary to arrive at a practical decision.

Give God time, and even when the knife flashes in the air, the ram will be seen caught in the thicket.

Give God time, and even when Pharaoh's host is on Israel's heels, a path through the waters will be suddenly opened.

Give God time, and when the bed of the brook is dry, then shall we hear the guiding voice.—*The Missionary Worker*

The Leper Who Did Not Return

I meant to go back, but well you may guess
I was filled with amazement I cannot
express,

To think that after those horrible years,
That passion of loathing and passion of
fears,

By sores unendurable, eaten, defiled,
My flesh was smooth as the flesh of a child!
I was drunken with joy, I was crazy with
glee,

I scarcely could walk, and I scarcely could
see

For the dazzle of sunshine where all had
been black;

But I meant to go back, oh, I meant to go
back!

I had thought to return; when my people
came out,

There were tears of rejoicing, and laugh-
ter, and shout;

They embraced me—for years I had not
known a kiss;

Ah! the pressure of lips in an exquisite
bliss.

They crowded around me, they filled the
whole place;

They looked at my feet and my hands and
my face;

My children were there, my glorious wife,
And all the forgotten allurements of life.
My cup was so full I seemed nothing to
lack;

But I meant to go back, I meant to go back.

I had started—yes, Luke, I had started—
to find

The Healer so mighty, so tender and kind;
But work pressed upon me, my business,
you know,

For all of those years I was forced to let go;
I had tools to collect, I had orders to get;
I found my poor family burdened with
debt;

My time was all taken with labor and care;
The days went more swiftly than I was
aware,

With the practical problems I had to attack;
But I meant to go back, oh, I meant to go
back.

I never supposed He would wait my
return—

Just one of ten—and would linger and
yearn

As you tell me He did; why, Luke, had I
thought,

There is no one on earth I would sooner
have sought;

I'd have shown Him my body, all perfect
and strong;

I'd have thanked Him and praised Him
before that great throng;

I'd have followed Him gladly forever and
aye

Had I thought that He minded my staying
away—

He so great, I so little and paltry!—alack,
Had I only gone back! had I only gone back!

—Selected

Anything to Take the Bible

Colporteur Falah of the American Bible Society's staff in Damascus wrote that he traveled in a bus with 16 seats, filled with over 25 grown-up persons, ten to twelve children, two sheep, over a half dozen chickens, and two cocks, not to mention all the passengers' luggage and thousands of small creatures swarming over these occupants.

After running some 600 kilometers, very often in the wilderness, on what is called a road and which is in reality a succession of ditches, heaps of mud and of small stones, Falah visited 15 towns and villages where he was able to distribute 1,117 copies of the Scriptures. The books were in Arabic, Assyrian, Ancient Syriac, Armenian, Turkish, Kurdish, English and French.

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Scriptures to Boy Scouts

A spot check made by one of the district secretaries of the American Bible Society during two weeks of duty as a Naval Reserve chaplain showed that only one in 27 recruits reporting to the Naval Training Station had his own Testament. The Bible Society has for years supplied New Testaments to all new trainees who have no copy of the Scriptures. To help this situation of Bibleless service men even before they come of service age, the Society is increasing its distribution of Scripture portions among Boy Scouts. Last year 10,500 Gospels were distributed to interested young readers by their chaplains.

A true prospector carries his kit along with him. For the Christian it contains Bible study, prayer, meditation, Christian fellowship, and loving service.

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Evangelism in the Sunday School

By Ralph M. Riggs

It must be recognized and maintained that evangelism is coordinate with and ranks equally as important as teaching itself in Sunday school work. If Sunday school were merely a school, or a school in the sense that the public school is, this would not be true. But Sunday school is more than a school. It is not just an institution or an educational agency. It is an organism. It is animated and sustained by life, divine life, and one of its main objectives is to produce life, divine life.

The church is the body of Christ. That body is, of course, vitally related to its Head, the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is the personification of life. *"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."* *"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."* God hath given unto us eternal life, and that life is in His Son. The life of Christ courses through his body and becomes the very life of that body. Without His life in the church, that church would be dead (as some, alas are). It is His Life, His Spirit, His divine presence, His personal presence, that constitutes the life of the church.

Now, do not forget, the Sunday school is a vital part of the church. I use the word vital in its literal sense, meaning living, necessary to life. As the church is alive, so the Sunday school is alive. Alive in the same way that the church is alive, alive with the life of God. This means that Christ lives in the Sunday school. As some churches are dead (without the pulsating, throbbing life and love of Christ), so, alas, some Sunday schools are dead. To have a form of Sunday school is not necessarily to have a real Christian Sunday school. To have a beautiful, well organized, smooth-functioning Sunday school is not necessarily to have a *living* Sunday school. It is possible to have form without power in Sunday school work as well as in other parts of church work. Sailor, beware! Many brave men have gone down in that deep! So, sailor, beware!

If Christ is the life of God, and He is; if the church is the body of Christ, and it is; and if the Sunday school is a vital part of the church, and it is; then the Sunday school must have the life, the presence, the power, the Spirit, and the nature of Christ living and manifest in its sessions. Now, what is the nature and the Spirit of Christ? The first answer, in one word, is *love*. And the love

This message was given at the recent Sunday school convention in Bethel Temple, Sacramento. Brother Riggs, one of the Assistant Superintendents of the General Council and Secretary of the Educational Department, was the main speaker.

of God, being what it is, is not weak and emaciated and limited. It knows neither limitations nor boundaries. It cannot be held in by the walls of the Sunday school or its enrolled membership. It burns, it leaps, it rages. It really rages out of control. It will rage out after the absentees, all the absentees. It rages after the prospects, all the prospects on the church rolls and on the Sunday school visitor rolls. It does not stop there. It rages up and down the street as far as the legs and cars of the Sunday school staff and of all the Sunday school members can take it. *"God so loved the world. . . ."* *"The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."* *"He went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him."*

Now let us trace the spreading of that holy flame. It kindles and burns in the heart of the pastor. And burns over through his example and exhortation and leadership until it infuses the hearts and lives of all in his church. The Sunday school superintendent and all his teachers catch the flame. No opportunity for an evangelistic emphasis in the lesson is missed or passed by. The way of salvation is made clear and plain at every opportunity. The gift of love and a flexible imagination finds such opportunity in almost all of the lessons. While too-insistent pressure and personal application is to be avoided lest it backfire in resentment and staying away from the class, yet every time that the way is open and the Lord leads, by all means, enter the open door and deal gently and wisely with all who reach after the Lord or who are open to His call. In the classroom and the class period, every teacher should be free and faithful to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in leading individual souls to Christ. The general



RALPH M. RIGGS speaking at the convention.

sessions of the Sunday school, commonly called the opening and closing exercises, provide ideal opportunities for the superintendent (of the department or of the whole school) to extend an invitation to any or all who are seeking the Lord to come and pray and find Him.

The question of Decision Day should be considered. Of course, it is a practice of the denominational church (or is it any more?). But Sunday school itself was used by other churches long before we were born. Is it wrong because the cold churches use it? Is it not rather wrong because it is cold rather than because other churches use it? We don't believe in a cold, dead Sunday school and we don't believe in an empty formal decision day. But couldn't we have a warm, *living* decision day? We have people getting saved at nearly every service of our church (or we should) and yet that does not preclude the advisability of having stated times for evangelistic services and revivals. We plan and announce revivals and expect souls to get saved then. And they do. Why not plan and announce a day of decision in our Sunday schools and expect souls to get saved then? They might, really. Rather, they most surely will as we move in faith and earnestness. The real, over-all solution of this problem is to have Thanksgiving Day every year and yet be thankful all the year—have a decision day every year and yet lead boys and girls, men and women, to Christ all the year.

Evangelism in the Sunday school does not stop at individual soul winning in its sessions. The spirit of evangelism must be infused into the Sunday school pupils and members themselves. They must not only see souls saved in their presence in the classroom or the general session, but they must be told that that is their privilege and duty too. They must not only see blood, but get a taste of it themselves. Teach the children to seek out their playmates to bring them to Sunday school and to Christ. Encourage them in such undertaking and approve and appreciate their accomplishments publicly. Set goals for new members and give recognition and award to those who succeed in "bringing them in."

This will lead to the great crusade—the forward march of every Sunday school officer, every teacher, every member of every class, to reach out with the very fingers of God to feel for and to find the lost and dying all around. Then, with the loving arm of God, tenderly bring them into the Sunday school, the church services, and the kingdom of God. This is the church militant, the army with banners. GOD WILLS IT! Anything less is not His will. His great heart yearns for it and His love is pushing us into it. Let us yield to this heavenly pressure and let our Sunday schools be the very embodiment of SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELISM.

Everyone should go to Sunday School . . . Including Men

By William Pickthorn
(Given at the Sunday School Convention)

For years the Sunday school authorities have advocated that those who want to build Sunday school attendance should give attention to the children. "Get the child into the Sunday school and you will eventually win the parents for God," has been their advice. For years they have proven the wisdom of their approach by the thousands who have been brought to the Lord and to the church by this means.

In addition to this method the cradle roll has been used. While its membership is composed of babies its actual purpose is to give an entrance into the home so that other members of the family can be contacted for God. The cradle roll, too, has been successful. Only this last year one church alone reports a gain of seventy new people through contacts begun in the cradle roll.

Yet, in spite of the successes of these methods it is only too apparent that they frequently fall short of the results hoped for them. Sometimes it takes years to develop an interest on the part of the parents. And even then not all of the parents are won. Recently it has been discovered that a growing number of parents who want to sleep-in on Sunday mornings look upon the Sunday school as a sort of baby-sitting service which takes their children off their hands for a time.

Others of the Sunday school authorities have stressed the importance of capitalizing on the energy and enthusiasm of youth. They advocate a program centered around the teen-agers, saying that if enough of the teen-agers attend the adults will come, too, to see what is happening. Yet, in spite of the fact that some churches are eminently successful in their work with the teens, it is still true that seventy-five to eighty-five per cent of the losses occur at this age. So, while it is extremely important to keep and to use the young people, and while it is true that the immediate future of the church rests in their hands, it is also evident that for most churches no great growth can be expected through this means.

The Sunday school and church must have adults as well as children and youth. And it can't afford to wait until the children are grown. The money needed for its extensive projects, and the manpower to organize and carry on its activities must come from adults. Influence in the community is largely affected through adults. And adults are needed to carry out the witnessing required by God of His church.

Beyond this, in its public ministries the church stands in need of men. But the scarcest of all its commodities is this

very most-needed asset—men. In the average Sunday school, children outnumber adults two to one. And, of the adults, women again outnumber the men. What is the solution to the problem? It doesn't seem to be entirely in the cradle roll, or in a program which reaches out for children, or even in the utilization of the youth in the church. It doesn't seem to rest even in the activities which engage the ladies of our congregations.

Another program needs to be advised. One which, instead of focusing attention on other members of the family in the hope that the men will finally become interested, makes its appeal directly to the men. Win a child and the mother may possibly be drawn to God. Win a teen-ager and he may be able to stir his parents. But win a man and his whole family will come to the house of God. While the child may say, "Please, mother, won't you come?" And while the mother may say, "Come, children, let's go." The father can say, "All right, everyone, we are going to Sunday school." And they go.

This plan seems to be Scriptural. The same Christ who took the children in His arms and blessed them, saying, "*Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven,*" when He was looking for leaders chose twelve men. And when He sent out seventy as missionaries of the kingdom it is believed that they were men. Later, when the second great group was added to the newly formed church the inspired writer says "*and the number of the men was about five thousand.*" That does not mean that the church contained only men, for another passage says that multitudes were added, "*both women and men.*" But it is evident that the early church majored in men.

But how shall we make an appeal for

men? The very challenge of the gospel is one of the strongest of appeals to men. Only it needs to be taken directly to men. In the average church most of the visitation is done at times when the women are contacted rather than men. And the pastors, because they have more contact with the women, unconsciously preach to them, talking about their problems, using them as illustrations making their appeal to the women rather than to the men. One pastor who had gathered quite a group of men around him was asked the secret of his success. He replied, "It is simple. I visit the men. I learn their interests and their problems. I preach to men. I use illustrations that appeal to men. I show them how they are needed in the work of the church."

Personal contacts which carry a challenge to crucifixion of the self life, and a heroic devotion to the Lord are often effective with men. Men will respond when they are made to see that there is a work for God that can be done most effectively by men. This can be accomplished by means of a men's fellowship. And it should be a fellowship which is related to the Sunday school.

One pastor has developed a men's Bible class of 250 largely through a contest which he runs perpetually in his class. The men are divided into teams with captains and lieutenants over them. They win points for attendance, for visitors and for new members which are brought into the class. The teams are pitted against each other. And time is taken each Sunday morning for team reports, with a certain amount of banter between the winning and losing groups. Quarterly dinners or barbecues, or weiner roasts or watermelon feeds are put on by the losing teams. The pastor has faced some criticism because the means which he uses are not wholly spiritual. But the criticism is answered by the very number of the men to which he ministers. He has in his class five times as many men to whom he can minister the word, and to whom he can extend the challenge of a life invested for God as he had before such means were used.

Let Us Consider Jesus Our Lord

By Mark A. Hinman

"Consider Him that endureth such contradiction of sinners against himself." —Heb. 12:3.

One of the greatest proofs of divine love is seen in Jesus' attitude toward those who persecuted Him. In the text the apostle calls upon men to consider this great fact. The Lord endured the contradiction of sinners against Himself. The word indicates strife, and, in the sense here, of persecution in the worst possible degree. There is no spectacle so surprising as that of the buffeted and tempest-driven Lord.

Think of the dignity that was His, for He was king of earth and heaven, and

no man was able to take His life from Him. It was marvelous that one so high should suffer so much. The Holy One of eternity was bruised for our iniquity. He whom the angels loved and adored was smitten by the men He came to redeem. He was without sin, yet he suffered for sin. How gloriously spotless this man was, and yet there was nothing cold and negative about His sinlessness. He was warm-hearted, always considerate and concerned about the welfare of poor lost humanity. We can compare Him, in a measure, to a diamond and a ruby set together, one with its

clearness and the other with its glow, and probably understand better His absolute perfection. It was strange that one like this should be so reviled and hated.

To pursue the thought a bit further, consider, too, the fierceness of His pains. Such contradiction of sinners it was, so long-continued, so unrelenting, antagonism at its worst, the misrepresentation, the taunts, the slander, the bitterness expressed in deeds, unbelief, hate, enmity, and crucifixion. There never was sorrow like unto His sorrow.

Consider what it was that inflicted the sharpest anguish on Jesus. He was made a curse for you, He was made a curse for me. The heavenly Father lifted up His rod and visited my punishment on His only begotten Son. That was the thing which drove Him into the wilderness; that was the thing which brought Him at last, laden with your sins and my sins, to the grave itself. And consider also how strong He proved Himself. He endured! He was not merely submissive, resigned, and patient, but He was willing, cheerful, gracious—glad to endure. We read that “for the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross, despising the shame.” He had the soldier’s militant constancy. He had the martyr’s joyous readiness for the fire of the amphitheater or the headsman’s ax. What sight in all the universe can rival a sight like this?

And reflect the part all humanity played in His suffering. It was as if we had woven the crown of thorns for His brow. We broke His heart. As He tasted sin for every man, so every man has a part in His death! And more: consider Him and trust Him. He died not only for your sin but also for your salvation. Such is His grace that He gave Himself for you, and such is His power that He is able to save you to the uttermost. Consider Him and you will love Him forever. Who could possibly deserve our affection as He does? How can anyone refuse or neglect Him? Let us consider Him and follow Him all the days of our lives.

Appreciation of His endurance should prevent us from growing weary and faint in our minds and should make us too ashamed to complain of our lot here on earth. For redemption from death, for comfort in tribulation, for ability to work, and wait, and run, and fight the good fight of faith, this is one of the great things needful: “*Consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself.*”

This message was given over Radio Station KEEN by Brother Hinman while he was pastor of the First Assembly of God of Sunnyvale. Early in October he left Sunnyvale to go to the church in South Bend, Indiana, to join his brother, Nelson Hinman, as associate pastor.

A Bit of Counsel and Word of Warning

By J. Narver Gortner

Turn to Isaiah 50:10, 11. In verse 10 a question is asked and a bit of counsel is given. The question: “*Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light?*” The counsel: “*Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.*” At such a time it is positively disastrous for one to yield to the temptation to try to kindle his own fire, or, in other words, in the absence of a desired manifestation of the presence and power of God, to try to produce by artificial or merely human means what might be called a synthetic manifestation of that presence and power. Hence the warning in the 11th verse, “*Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.*”

There is such a thing, we all know, as a fire that God has kindled, and there is also such a thing as fire that has been kindled by man. Nadab and Abihu offered “strange fire,” that is, fire of their own kindling unto God, and they lost their lives in so doing, Lev. 10:1, 2. It is believed by many that in the days of the old dispensation God always indicated His approval of the sacrifices He approved of by sending fire from heaven to consume them. It is believed that the sacrifice Abel offered was thus consumed. We know that fire came down from heaven to consume the sacrifice that was laid upon the altar by Elijah on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 19:38), and we know, too, that God answered David by fire from heaven (1 Chron. 21:26), and that He thus set His seal of approbation upon the sacrifice that Solomon offered at the dedication of the temple. 2 Chron. 7:1.

The fire in the tabernacle that God said should always be kept burning was fire that had been divinely kindled. The principal reason why God decreed it should never be allowed to go out (Lev. 6:13) was because it had been thus kindled, and so was no ordinary fire.

It is to be feared that when, in some of our services, the fire of God is lacking, there is a disposition to kindle a synthetic fire, and the synthetic in the spiritual realm can be no substitute for the genuine. We are told that the synthetic in the material realm is sometimes better than the real, and recently a writer has told us that we are on the verge of being provided with synthetic foods that will be much superior to the foods provided by our fields; our factories, we are told, will be turning out foods that will be better and cheaper than are the foods that are being yielded

by the soil, the sunshine, and the showers. Whether this is true or not we do not know; we shall have to wait and see. But of one thing we may be sure: nothing produced in the natural can ever be a substitute for the supernatural. Synthetic fire of the Holy Ghost is not fire of the Holy Ghost at all; it is “strange fire” or wild fire; it is just a counterfeit; and all it can possibly do is to fool a few people.

What should we do if we fear the Lord, and obey His Servant, that is, Christ—for the Servant, spoken of here is none other than the Messiah—and at the same time we walk in darkness and have no light? Some commentators have said that the text here has been tampered with, for it is impossible, we are assured, for anybody to fear the Lord, and obey Christ, and walk in darkness, for our Lord said, “*He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall the light of life.*” That there is no possibility of an honest God-fearing and obedient saint walking permanently in darkness we concede, but that some real saints have thus walked temporarily we are sure.

Look at Job. God testified concerning him “*that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God and escheweth evil*” (Job 1:8). But that he walked in darkness for quite a while we all know. Mark his words, “*Oh that I knew where I might find Him! that I might come even to His seat! . . . Behold, I go forward, but He is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive Him: on the left hand where He doth work, but I cannot behold Him: He hideth Himself on the right hand, that I cannot see Him: but He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.*” Job 23:3-10.

Job is an outstanding example of what a man should do if he fears the Lord, and obeys the voice of His Servant, and walks in darkness and has no light. He should trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.

But why introduce Job or any other mere man as an example? Why not introduce Him who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth,—the Holy One of God, the only man who has lived since the beginning of human history who has lived an utterly sinless life, the only one who has ever been able to say truthfully, “*I do always those things that please Him,*” and again, “*The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me.*” Why not introduce Him as an example of a perfect man whose vision of God at one time was so clouded that it seemed to Him that God had forsaken

Him? Hear Him as He cries out upon the cross, where He has been lifted up that He might be a sacrifice for the sins of humanity and might be man's Kinsman Redeemer: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

Had the Father forsaken the Son? If there was ever a time when the Father was with Him it was then. It has been said that the Father had turned away His face for the reason that our Lord was bearing the weight of the accumulated sins of the whole world and God cannot look upon sin, and that is true; but God had turned His face away from the sin, not from His Son. The truth concerning our Lord's exclamation, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" is set forth in the words of Neander, that noted German scholar who more than a hundred years ago wrote concerning Christ on the cross:

"At the acme of His pains He cries out, 'My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?' The form of the words, 'My God,' implies the consciousness in His inmost soul of inseparable union with God. The words must also be taken as the expression of a single, subordinate moment in connection with the whole state of soul expressed in the 22nd Psalm. An enigma, indeed, must this exclamation appear to all who isolate it from the state of Christ's soul up to the last expression of triumph, 'It is finished!' an enigma, indeed, to those who forget that Christ suffered and died for mankind—for mankind laid up in His heart; an enigma to all, in a word, who are strangers to the Christian life. But the Christian sees in this feature of his Master's history a type of the life of individual believers and of the whole church; for both must be led, through all stages of suffering, and even through moments of apparent abandonment by God, to perfection and glorification."

I call particular attention to the fact that Neander says that individual believers, and also the church, that is, the body of believers as a whole, "must be led through *all* stages of suffering, and even through moments of *apparent* abandonment by God, to perfection and glorification."

Of course we know that it is "to perfection and glorification" God has designed to lead us, and we know that to this end "*all things work together for good to them that love God.*" See Rom. 8:28, 29.

Our Lord entered into all our sufferings. We are told that He was made perfect by suffering. Certainly He was not made perfect morally or spiritually, for He was always faultless; in His moral and spiritual character there was no defect, no flaw. It was the design of the Father that He should enter into every phase of human suffering to the end that He might be a perfect High Priest, having been tempted, or tested, in all

points like as we are, yet without sin. And so as the believer, even the most consecrated believer among us, is likely at some time to have to pass through the experience of "apparent abandonment by God," it was imperative, in order that the Father's plan might be carried out, that our Lord pass through that same experience; and He passed through it on the cross. And since from His earliest dawn of consciousness as a human being He had been conscious of the presence of the Father, how terrible must have been that "hour of darkness" when it seemed to Him that He had been forsaken by God!

We have all known faithful Christians who have suffered, and suffered greatly, by a feeling that God had forsaken them. They could not understand why they were passing through such an experience. Some of them have actually wondered if they were lost, or have feared that they were. They had loved the Lord, and they still loved Him. They have wondered if they had failed in some way and so God had turned away from them; they could not believe that if they had not sinned in some way God would thus have abandoned them. All of their efforts to get back into the sunshine of God's favor appeared to be in vain.

It may be that some one of my readers is going through such an experience. What should he do? Give up, and go back into the world? Conclude that God is unjust, or that He is not as good as His word? Or, on the other hand, should he try to create an artificial substitute for the consciousness of the divine presence? If he kindles a fire, compasses himself about with sparks, and walks in the light of *his* fire, and in the sparks that *he* has kindled, he will "lie down in sorrow." What then *should* he do? "Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God."

That is what Job did, and that is what our Lord did. Each knew that God was his God. Job called God "my Redeemer," and Jesus cried, "My God, My God."

Believer, if your sins have been forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ, and you fear Jehovah, and are obeying the voice of Christ, and at the same time are walking in darkness, and have no light, look up! God is still your God, your Father, and this momentary experience of apparent abandonment by God will soon pass away; God will again manifest Himself to you, and you will be the richer for the experience you are now passing through. You will understand then what you cannot understand now, and if not then, you will most certainly understand when all the mists shall have cleared away, and you stand with all the redeemed and blood-washed of the ages over on the other shore, where every problem will find its final solution.

Glad Tidings Bible Institute

They Teach Our Youth

This month we present . . .



LEAH ROBINSON, the new dean of girls

The most recent member of the Glad Tidings faculty is Miss Leah Robinson, our new Dean of Women. She comes to us from Bethel Temple of Turlock, where she has been an active worker in the assembly. The entire personnel of Glad Tidings join in welcoming her into our midst.

Sister Robinson is a native Californian, having been born at La Porte and educated in public and high school at Merced. In her early years her religious training was Roman Catholic, but when she was old enough to choose for herself she decided to ignore all religion. However, when she was sixteen, she happened to attend a one-night meeting in a schoolhouse, and there was soundly converted. Thus Sister Robinson chose to make Christian service her life's vocation and she entered Bible school.

In course of time, Sister Robinson attended two Bible schools: Pacific Bible College and the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. She graduated from this latter school in 1947. Thereafter, while awaiting the unfolding of various circumstances, she took up residence in Turlock. After a few months there, she felt definitely impressed to attend Bethel Temple, and before long she found herself busily participating in the workers' training and youth departments of the church. She received her own personal Pentecost at the Bethany Park camp meeting in the summer of 1948.

In addition to being Dean of Women at Glad Tidings, Sister Robinson teaches Personal Evangelism to the freshman class. The warmth of her personality and the sincerity of her spiritual life have already made themselves felt throughout Glad Tidings. It is our prayer that Sister Robinson's ministry shall be mutually blessed, and that she shall continue to have a vital part in moulding the lives of our young people.

—L. T. H.

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A Word to Pastors

Under the new and increasingly difficult regulations of the Selective Service System, it is becoming more and more necessary that you will counsel and advise the young men of your churches as they approach their 18th birth anniversary and the required registration for the draft.

If there is the remotest possibility or likelihood that a young man will enter a Bible institute or college or seminary, it is *very, very* important that he indicate this on his registration questionnaire. They should be counselled along this line so that they will indicate at that time that they intend to enter a theological school.

Under the new and most recent regulations, it is necessary that each theological student desiring deferment, or 4-D classification, support his request with a letter from his pastor on the stationery or letterhead of the local church. In this letter you should give some kind of a statement of his past activities within your church and any information you may have about the nature and definite call from the Lord he may have to the ministry.

We are having more and more difficulties along this line and simply because our young men have not indicated to the draft board their intention of entering a theological school. As a result, the draft boards are unable to understand why these young men are found here in Bible school when the board gets ready to call them up for service. It becomes the opinion of the board that the young man has run into the Bible school to hide from the draft.

If I can be of service to you when the young men of your churches are required to register for the draft, I will be more than glad to hear from you, advise the prospective draftee, and assist him in his notification to the board that he is a candidate for Bible school training. Let me hear from you in this regard.

Your president,
THEO. A. KESSEL
Glad Tidings Bible
Institute.

Consecration

"Will you please tell me in a word," said a Christian woman to a minister, "what is your idea of consecration?"

Holding out a blank sheet of paper the pastor replied, "It is to sign your name at the bottom of this blank sheet, and to let God fill in as He wills."—*Christian Victory*

We've Been Letting Down

We like to think, here in California, that we are always doing things in a bigger and better way. We like the feeling when we do, and we are apologetic when we don't.

Right now apologies are in order. But we can change the picture.

The Department of Benevolences in Springfield, reporting on our District giving to the Old Age Assistance fund, tells us that in response to the November, 1951, appeal, 92 of our churches responded, giving \$2,777.90. In response to the appeal made in May, 1952, 98 of the churches gave \$2,210.44. We are glad that six more churches responded, but are not sure why the total was less.

Brother Fred Volger, Director of Benevolences, writes: "There must be a lot of confusion in the minds of too many of our people as to the exact meaning of Old Age Assistance as regards the General Council of the Assemblies of God. This fund does not have the remotest connection with our Ministers' Retirement Benefit Fund. Nevertheless, we feel that in some measure at least, this misunderstanding must account for the decrease in the amount received from our Assemblies this past fiscal year.

"Something desperate is going to have to be done if our churches don't awaken to the danger which is facing our movement as a whole. The Bible teaches that charity begins at home—lest we be called heathens for gross neglect.

"To whom shall we appeal if it is not to our own assemblies? Other de-

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

- 1—Greenville
- 3—Oakland (Bethany)
- 10—Lodi, Lower Lake, Pittsburg (Bella Vista), San Francisco (Glad Tidings)
- 17—Vallejo (First), Carson City
- 18—Weed
- 24—Los Banos, Oroville, Salinas (Alisal)

DECEMBER

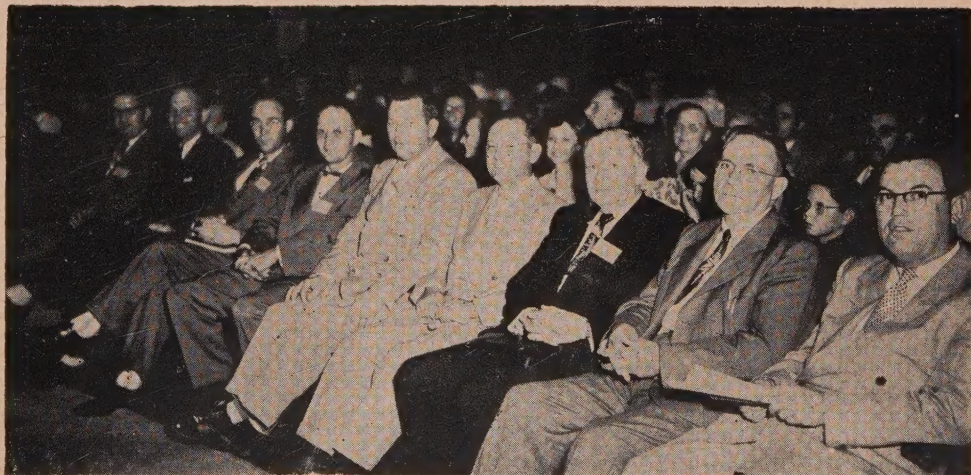
- 1—Castro Valley, Stockton (East Side)
- 8—Concord, Hollister, Palo Alto (First), Rockport
- 15—Chowchilla, Sebastopol

nominations realize the need and provide for their own ministers who need assistance where retirement has not been provided for them. In many cases, the very churches which owe their start to the faithful ministry of the men on our old-age-assistance list have neglected to respond to this semi-yearly appeal for a love-gift for such a worthy cause."

This fall, the day for the aged ministers fund appeal is

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

If that date is inconvenient for any of the assemblies, it is suggested that one before or sometime later be chosen that sufficient help may be secured for those who have spent their lives in the work of the gospel instead of planning for their future days of retirement.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION LEADERS and part of the crowd at the meeting in Sacramento's Bethel Temple. On the front row, left to right, are Dale Lapp and Clyde Henson, superintendent and pastor respectively of the host church; L. R. Anderson and J. R. Edgar, members of the Sunday school advisory committee; L. W. Suter, J. L. Gerhart, another member of the advisory committee; Ralph M. Riggs, main speaker; W. T. Gaston, and K. M. Haystead.

The Renfroes Put Speed-the-Light Car to Work in Africa

(Editor's note: At the C. A. convention last year in Fresno an offering was taken to purchase a car for the Renfroes in Monrovia, Liberia. The following article is a portion of a letter written by R. J. Renfroe.)

I am sending you a picture of the car crossing the type of bridge we use any time we go interior a way from Monrovia. This is about 150 miles interior up near the border of French Guinea.

Right now our speedometer reads 5789 miles. That is not bad for traveling in this country whose total road mileage is something a little more than 400 miles. We are surely putting the Plymouth to good service in the Lord's work. We have made two long trips up country and a good many shorter trips back to the Firestone Plantations, Roberts Field, Owensgrove, Kakata, etc. We have used it to carry literature, luggage, and lunches. It has been loaded with wood. It has been filled with people. We have transported drums of gasoline and kerosene. The day we took Brother and Sister Arthur Wilson, (August 24 *Evangel*) to the Firestone Plantations we were a party of eight and we used the opportunity of being at the plantation's store to bring home a large order of groceries. I suppose that our net load coming home was pretty close to a ton. Thanks to the heavy-duty springs and shocks we had the factory install on it, there was never a murmur of complaint from the Plymouth.

Two Magic Words

Two little words I would have you learn,

Two little words: "I'll Try!"

They'll pick out the hardest shoestring knot,

And pull up the weeds when the sun is hot;

They're a wonderful help for the "I forgot,"

Those two little words, "I'll Try!"

And how they'll get after Old Grumble and Gout.

When the temper begins to sputter and spout,

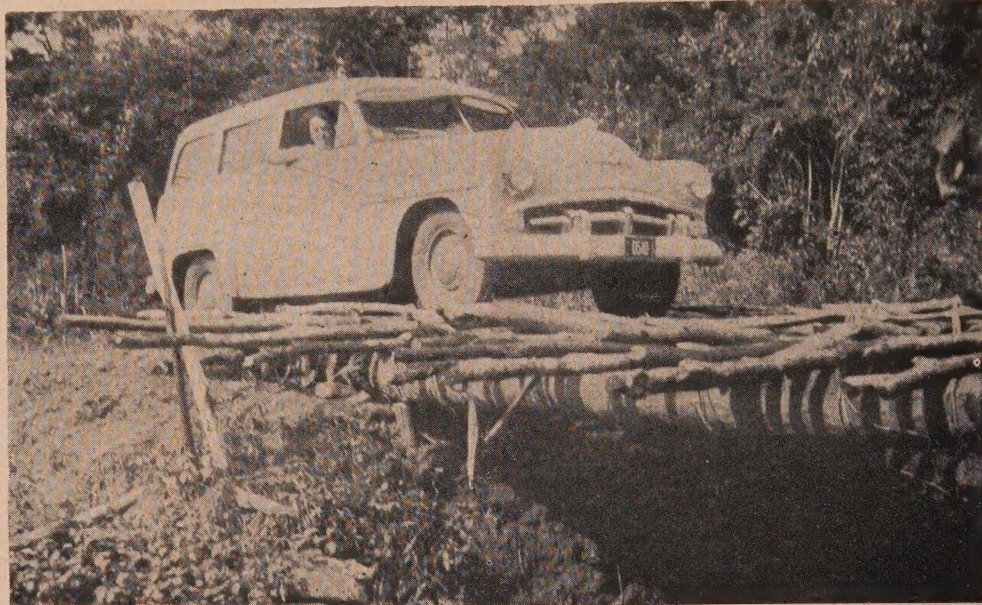
There's a charm indeed, for the man inside, Those magical words will put him to rout,

Those two little words, "I'll Try."

—Annie B. Wheeler

Young Evangelists Traveling in the Interest of Speed-the-Light

Fred and Marjorie Leader will be in our District for 20 days, itinerating in the churches in the interest of Speed-the-Light. The following is a schedule of where they will be. All C. A.'s are urged



A PLYMOUTH SUBURBAN IS AT WORK IN WEST AFRICA with the R. J. Renfroes. He tells us this Speed-the-Light car, which is equipped with special springs, easily hauls heavy loads over roads and other bridges no better than the one shown above. Sister Renfroe is shown in the car.

to attend one of their meetings as they come to your area.

October 31 and

November 1, 2—Sacramento C.A. convention

November 2, a. m.—Roseville

November 3, Rally—pending

November 4, pending

November 5, p. m.—Yuba City

November 6, p. m.—Glad Tidings Bible Institute

November 7, p. m.—pending

November 9, a. m.—pending
p. m.—Hayward

November 10, Rally—Coast Counties

November 11, p. m.—pending

November 12, p. m.—pending

November 13, p. m.—Modesto, Bethel Church

November 14, p. m.—pending

November 16, a. m.—Woodland
p. m.—Sacramento Bethel Temple

November 17, Rally—pending

November 18, p. m.—pending

November 19, p. m.—pending

November 20, p. m.—Eureka



The Fred Leaders

THE GRANDEST PICTURE

The grandest picture I behold

Is not the setting sun,

Though he robes himself in scarlet

When his daily race is run,

'Tis not the lofty mountains,

Nor the tall and stately trees,

Though I love the scenes of nature;

Yea, my eyes delight in these!

The grandest picture I behold

Is not the falling snow,

Though every flake is different,

And a charming gem, I know.

'Tis not the gorgeous flowers,

Nor the birds that cleave the air,

Though in these I see reflected

Heavenly wisdom, love and care!

There's nothing quite so beautiful

As consecrated youth;

Our noble Christian boys and girls

Established in the truth.

To view their Spirit-quicken'd lives

And watch their powers unfold—

This is the grandest picture

That this human eyes behold!

—W. T. Hammond

We may be graduates from the schools of men without having learned our ABC's in the school of God.

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It is easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.

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Most of the stumbling blocks people complain about are under their hats.

Speed-the-Light Car Arrives at Crucial Time

By Ralph Williams

Greetings from Cuba! You cannot know how happily surprised we were when a little more than a month ago we were inquiring at the C. A. office in Springfield, Mo., about funds from Northern California-Nevada for a Speed-the-Light car for Cuba, to have them answer that the funds were immediately available. This surely seemed to be a miracle of divine intervention, for Mrs. Williams and I were almost decided to delay our return to the field a few more months so as to be able to raise the needed funds for a car. We can see now that our arrival came at a crucial time for the work in Havana.

We personally want to express our appreciation for this help from your district. It meant so much to be able to secure a car and get started back to the field.

Incidentally, the steel strike had pinched down on cars at that time so that there were none available and none could be promised until six weeks after the strike would end. Then, right the next morning, there was a Ford available. It was the only one perhaps in Southern Missouri. It so happened the Springfield Police Department had an

order for a fleet of cars and when they arrived there was one too many! So that was the car for Speed-the-Light!

It has already saved quite a freight bill, for we hauled our equipment from Springfield to Miami in a good-sized trailer, as you can see in the picture. We do thank the Lord for the car and believe that He has made it possible for us to have it. We wish to thank all the C.A.'s who have had a part in the actual sacrifice in providing the funds.

THANKSGIVING

In the morning of my life,
Through the years of toil and strife,
Though misfortune come to me,
Or whate'er my lot may be,
May I learn to pray, and sing,
"Thank Thee, Lord—for everything!"

Now the years are fleeing fast,
Life on earth will soon be past;
And although my body die
I will live with Thee on high;
There, with all the saved, I'll sing
"Thank Thee, Lord—for everything!"

—Olive Ridenour



A 1952 FORD GOES TO CUBA pulling a load of equipment as far as Florida for the Ralph D. Williams. They are thanking the Lord for this Speed-the-Light vehicle given for their use. Brother Williams's work on the island will necessitate much traveling about.

World-Wide Bible Reading Campaign

To promote and encourage wider use of the Bible as a source of inspiration and self-help, the churches of America through the American Bible Society support a worldwide Bible reading program annually. This will be the ninth year that the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas has been so designated, with the climax coming on Universal Bible Sunday, December 14.

It is a unique movement in that its sole purpose is to secure simultaneous reading of the same passages of the Bible by people all over the world—in 38 countries that we know of.

The following 29 readings have been listed by 1,096 ministers as their favorite selections on the Word-of-Life theme.

NOVEMBER

27 Thanksgiving	Psalms 103
28	Psalms 91
29	Psalms 121
30 Sunday	Psalms 1

DECEMBER

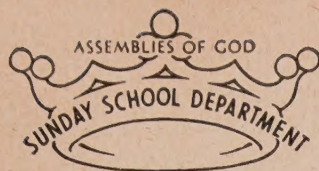
1	Psalms 27
2	Psalms 46
3	Psalms 90
4	Isaiah 40
5	Isaiah 55
6	Matthew 5:1-26
7 Sunday	Matthew 5:27-48
8	Matthew 6:1-18
9	Matthew 6:19-34
10	Matthew 7
11	John 14
12	John 15
13	John 17
14 Universal Bible Sunday	Psalms 23
15	Luke 15
16	Romans 8
17	Romans 12
18	Ephesians 6
19	Philippians 4
20	Revelation 21
21 Sunday	John 1:1-18
22	Isaiah 53
23	Hebrews 11
24	1 Corinthians 13
25 Christmas	Luke 2:1-20

For those who want to continue reading the Bible during the last week of the year, these passages are recommended: Dec. 26, Luke 2:21-52; Dec. 27, John 1:19-51; Dec. 28, Matthew 2; Dec. 29, John 16; Dec. 30, Revelation 3; Dec. 31, Psalms 19.

We can't all be apostles, but we can all be "living epistles."

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Do all the good you can by all the means you can in all the places you can at all the times you can to all the people you can as long as ever you can.



L. W. SUTER
District Sunday
School Director

Director Gives Convention Report

The third annual District Sunday School convention was held at Bethel Temple in Sacramento, September 30 and October 1 and 2. We were privileged to have Brother Ralph M. Riggs, one of our Assistant General Superintendents, as our convention speaker. The convention got to a good start on Tuesday evening with the visual demonstration, "The Way of the Winner," and a marvelous message by Brother Riggs entitled, "The Relation of the Sunday School to the Church." The presence of the Lord was manifested from the very beginning.

The convention continued on Wednesday morning with Brother K. M. Haystead speaking on "The Place of the Holy Spirit in the Sunday School." This was followed by departmental seminars for Beginners, Primaries, Juniors, Teen-Age Young People, Adults, and Boys and Girls Club work.

The afternoon session opened with a message by Brother L. W. Suter on the convention theme, which was "For the Love of Christ Constraining Us." The remainder of the afternoon was spent in seminars on Sunday School Leadership, Records and Finances, Enlargement, Cradle Roll Department, and Visual Aid.

One of the highlights of the Wednesday evening session was the visual demonstration, "We Can't Afford It." This demonstration was put on by a number of pastors and pastors' wives in and

around Sacramento. Thank the Lord that the treasurer finally prayed through! Brother Riggs climaxed the service with a splendid message on "The Teacher in Action."

Thursday morning began with a message by Brother W. E. Pickthorn entitled, "Constrained for Whom?" He emphasized the need of winning adults as well as children through the Sunday school. His message was followed by a panel discussion which was called "The Problem Clinic." The chairman was L. W. Suter and the panel members were Ralph Riggs, Bernice Mast, Robert Carrington, L. R. Anderson, Raymond Lockwood, and T. L. Mendenhall. The panel did a wonderful job in answering the questions that were presented by the members of the congregation for discussion.

J. L. Gerhart brought the first message of the afternoon on the subject "The High Cost of Leadership." Brother W. T. Gaston followed him with another message entitled "The Teacher With the Shepherd Heart." The rest of the afternoon was spent in seminars on Workers' Training, Workers' Conferences, Absenteeism, Extension Department, and Vacation Bible Schools.

Robert Carrington showed slides of his recent trip to Palestine on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 7:30.

The final service of the convention got under way at 7:30. The special feature



L. W. SUTER gives his message to the convention.

for the evening was entitled "What I Think of Sunday School." A grade school principal, who is a Pentecostal man, spoke of what he, as a school principal, thinks of the Sunday school; and the first vice-president of the Women's Peace-officers Association of the State of California told us what Sunday school would keep boys and girls from doing. Brother Riggs closed the convention with a message on the subject of "Evangelism in the Sunday School."

It was a grand convention. Several people estimated that at least 1,000 people attended one or more of the services. You missed it if you weren't there.

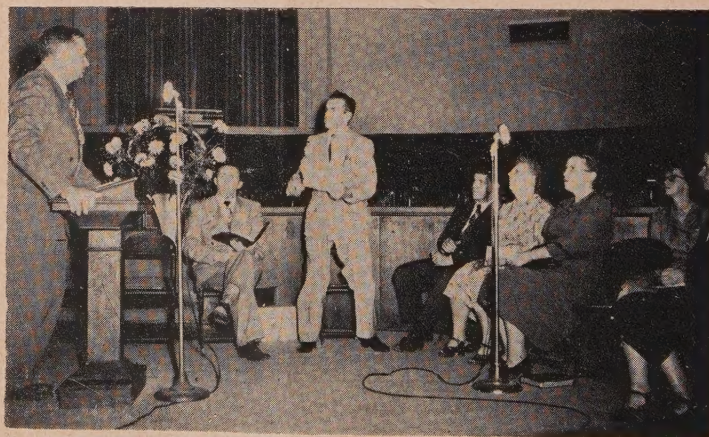
—L. W. Suter

First and a Gold Crown

The first check-up form received was from Bethel Temple in Sacramento, and the records show it to have gold-crown rating. Many of the reports are in. We appreciate the good response. How about yours? Will you send it in immediately if you have not done so already. Let's make it 100 per cent!



THE ENLARGEMENT SEMINAR is shown in session being conducted by Sister Maxine Mitchell, director of Christian education at Bethel Temple, Sacramento.



"WE CAN'T AFFORD IT" was presented Wednesday evening to an appreciative audience. Pastor Oscar Arnesen of Lincoln is shown at left as the superintendent. Next is Pastor Kelsey Prinzing of Lodi as the pastor, and Pastor John Hamilton of Sacramento as the objecting treasurer. Pastor James Durkin of Fairfield, Sister Hamilton and Sister Arnesen add their bit to the lesson of the skit.

Sunday School News

Healdsburg

The church enjoyed a wonderful workers conference on October 7. L. W. Suter was the guest speaker. They made a decision in this service to support the District Sunday School Department with the tithe of their Sunday school offering.

Sacramento (Capitol)

The Sunday school averaged 107 for the month of September, an all time high.

Santa Cruz (First)

In October the church had a splendid children's revival with Virgil and Edyth Warren as evangelists.

Santa Rosa

The average for the Sunday school was 181 throughout the month of September. They also voted to tithe of their Sunday school offerings for the support of the District Sunday School Department.

Willits

The Sunday school made a decision to support the District Sunday School office with the tithe of its offerings.

A Little Word Lost

I lost a very little word
Only the other day,
A very naughty little word
I had not meant to say.
If only it were really lost
I should not mind a bit;
I think I should deserve a prize
For really losing it.
If it were only really lost,
Oh, then I should be glad;
I let it fall so carelessly
The day I got so mad.
Lose other things, you never seem
To come upon their track,
But lose a naughty little word—
It's always coming back.

Faith and Works

"A devout Scotsman operated a small rowboat for taking people across the lake. On one trip a passenger noticed that on one oar was painted the word 'Faith,' and on the other 'Works.'"

"That's queer," he said, "Why do you have those words on your oars?"

"I will show you why," the Scotsman replied. He dropped the oar marked 'Faith,' and vigorously plied the one marked 'Works.' The boat went in circles, and not very large circles at that. Then he dropped 'Works,' and used 'Faith.' The boat went in circles again.

Faith and work rightly blended will keep our bark progressing until we land in the heavenly port. You need both oars. "For faith without works is dead." An absence of good works prove there is no saving, loving faith.

Faith is the acceptance of God's mercy and grace in Christ Jesus.

What I Think of Sunday School

By Policewoman Rose Milestein

Sunday school children are not among this group: those who commit shocking crimes, or are they lawless youth that assault people on the streets, hang around corners, snatch purses, steal cars, rob, and even kill their victims. They are not kid gangsters who set fires, ransack empty houses, and derail trains. Or are they teen-agers arrested in roundups of narcotic rings; or are they peddling smutty literature to their schoolmates.

The Sunday school is an established and powerful force in community life and does play a dynamic part in the prevention of delinquency.

The Sunday school is a pastor and his wife, and the superintendent with his group of teachers who have dedicated their time to help children, young people, and adults to blossom out into beautiful Christian lives. It is devoted to the cause of curing delinquency.

The Sunday school affords a place and an opportunity for young people to form wholesome associations and participate in constructive activities. In fulfilling its primary responsibility for spiritual guidance, the Sunday school helps the child to develop regard for other persons and respect for their rights. It can help the child to gain a perspective of life that makes him able to distinguish between fundamental values in human conduct and transient ideas as to what constitutes acceptable and unacceptable behavior. Though these positive values children are enabled to face difficulties and are given confidence in the ultimate meaning of life. Thus they are fortified against delinquency.

"A child brought up in Sunday school is seldom brought up in court."

Policewoman Rose Milestein of the Vallejo Police Department is vice-president of the Women's Peace Officers Association of the State of California.

UNION CITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN

in San Francisco

scheduled for

NOVEMBER 17 to 30

GAYLE JACKSON, speaker

at the

Coliseum Bowl, 11th Street

Between Market and Mission

Meetings under auspices of the
Golden Gate Pentecostal Fellowship

Opening meeting Nov. 17, Monday
at Glad Tidings Temple



PART OF THE PANEL which discussed Sunday school problems at the convention. Left to right, Robert Carrington, Bernice Mast, and Brother Riggs. Others on the panel were L. R. Anderson, Raymond Lockwood, and T. L. Mendenhall.



SEMINAR ON RECORDS AND FINANCES enjoyed the teaching and leadership of Pastor Louis Weston of Salinas.



THE VISUAL AID SEMINAR was conducted by Sister L. W. Suter.



HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE CRADLE ROLL was presented by Sister Esther Knutsen of Turlock. Sister Carrington is shown getting cradle roll member ready for "graduation" into the beginner department.

Here and There

ALAMEDA — Beginning September 7, Evangelist Claude Wood held four weeks of very good revival meetings in Glad Tidings Church. Pastor Thomas Custock reports some saved, some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a general stir that left every department in the church strengthened.

BENICIA — The North Bay fellowship meeting held there September 15 was in the form of a missionary rally. Special speakers for the occasion were Leonard Palmer of Burlingame, District Missionary Secretary; Paul M. Cooper, soon to leave for Central America; A. J. Morrison from Hawaii; Wheeler Anderson from West Africa; Inez Kreiss from India, and Ralph C. Cobb from Africa. Brother Gaston brought the main rally message in the evening. The pastor in Benicia is W. E. Kern.

DIXON — The beautiful new church building, which is situated at 700 Adams Street, was dedicated Monday, October 13, when the Capital section fellowship meeting was held there so that ministers and congregations from neighboring assemblies might join in the happy occasion with the local church. Brother Thurmond was the speaker for the regular fellowship service in the afternoon. In the evening dedication service Mayor James Wiggins gave a welcoming address, and Brother Gaston brought the dedicatory sermon. Pastor Stanley Walsh and members of the congregation have worked long and well and have a fine building to show for their efforts. We congratulate them.

FORTUNA—Pastor Lyle W. Corsaw reports: "We had Brother W. G. Lyon of El Cerrito with us from September 24 to October 5. Glad to report good results; the entire church was benefitted. We are beginning remodeling of the building to make room for increased Sunday school attendance."

FRESNO (North) — Early in October, Pastor W. A. Frazier wrote: "We have just closed a week's meeting with Brother and Sister S. G. Cox of Lebanon, Missouri. Souls were saved and our hearts were warmed with the gospel message in sermon and song."

GALT—Pastor Albert A. White reported in September at the close of five weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist Raymond Osborn: "Our church here is different spiritually, as well as delivered from all kinds of afflictions. Several were saved and are going on with the Lord." And he reported some remarkable healings during the campaign and since.

HAPPY CAMP—The church there was host to the Shasta section fellowship meeting held September 23. The presbyter, Pastor Albert Rowley of Weed reports it as a

day of blessing and encouragement to the church. He was the afternoon speaker. The evening speaker was Brother J. Curtis of Burbank. The pastor in Happy Camp is Fred Boring.

HAYWARD—Brother James Montgomery, Sunday School Director for the Assemblies of God in Canada, conducted a teachers' training course there October 19 to 26 for Pastor James Swanson. This was the third training course this year. The meetings were started off with a Sunday school teachers' banquet in a local restaurant. Then the group settled down to concentrated study.

LIVERMORE—Brother John M. Collins, who with his brothers Clarence and Prentiss, has been in evangelistic work in the southwestern states for the past two years, is now the youth director at the Wayside Chapel, assisting Pastor Carl T. Carlin. The Collins Brothers will be remembered by our camp meeting crowds as the evangelists with the portable chapel dedicated on the grounds before being taken out to their work on the field.

LOS BANOS—Early in the campaign, begun September 28, with Evangelist and Mrs. Banta from the Northwest, Pastor Thomas M. Ming, Jr., reported a good meeting in progress, souls being saved, and reason to look for more and greater things to be done.

LOWER LAKE — Pastor George McQueen reports good results in the recent campaign Evangelist Z. P. Miller held there.

MODESTO (Airport) — Evangelist W. J. Higgins of Southern California began a revival with Pastor Ernest M. Adams on October 5.

MODESTO (Community) — Of their vacation Bible school, Pastor George E. Elrod reports: "We had it just before public school opened. We had a wonderful school, with Mary Beth Moore in charge. We had 139 enrolled, with 109 average attendance, just about double what we had expected. On decision day, quite a number answered the altar call. We didn't count them, but the Lord knows how many really found Christ as their Saviour." This church on Tully Road was host to the North San Joaquin fellowship meeting on October 6. Being combined with their W.M.C. rally, it was an all-day affair. The main speakers for the three services were Robert Thomas, who has been a missionary in Argentina, and his brother, Floyd Thomas, recently returned from West Africa.

NORTH FORK — Evangelist and Mrs. Birmingham recently held two weeks of meetings with Pastor E. E. Bodenhofer. The church is beginning work on basement rooms for the Sunday school.

PACIFIC GROVE—Pastor Leonard Weston reports: "We had Ross and Iverna Lamb with us for nine days of seeking God. In addition to numerous and immeasurable benefits we all shared, five believers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The young people started their school year drenched in the river that flows from the Threshold. We plan another back-to-school revival with the Lambs in 1953."

PATTERSON—Brother Forrest A. Childs, formerly of Fresno, is the new pastor.

PINEDALE—Brother E. G. Kenedy is the new pastor, successor to Brother Edward Byram, now in evangelistic work in the Northwest.

PITTSBURG—Pastor J. L. Jeffrey announces a revival meeting with Evangelist Thomas Ming, Sr., of Southern California, beginning November 4.

RED BLUFF—Brother Everett Morgan has resigned as pastor, retiring from active service because of his health.

REDDING—Brother and Sister Andrew Rahner held a revival campaign with Pastor Harold D. Byram in October.

RENO—Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens held a children's revival for Pastor Charles L. Elmes from September 21 to October 6.

ROHNERVILLE—Evangelist A. N. Burns of Oklahoma City held meetings with Pastor John F. Green from October 12 to 26.

SACRAMENTO (Capital)—Pastor Walter Boring writes: "Brother Edward R. Gomes held a very helpful Sunday school meeting for the staff and workers of the Capital Assembly in September."

SALIDA—At the end of September, Pastor Dan Robinson reported: "Just closed two weeks of meetings with Evangelist J. D. Smith of Modesto. Several were saved and the church was blessed."

SALINAS (Calvary)—Pastor W. Cornish Jones writes: "We wish to report a very fine meeting we had with Brother and Sister W. R. Lamb. We began with one week of children's Bible hour in the mornings. During that time two of our junior girls received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the two weeks of regular meetings which followed, eight more received. It seems to be a time of special visitation. A good number testified of refillings, and several definite healings were reported. Most of these were healings for which no special prayer was offered. Several young folks sought the Lord either for salvation or renewing."

SAN JOSE (First Assembly) — Evangelist John F. Hauck of Ashland, Oregon, held meetings in September with Pastor George W. Southwick.

SAN JOSE (Revival Center) — Brother and Sister Philip Megna have opened a new gospel work at 2326 Stevens Creek Road in the northern part of the city.

SANTA CRUZ (First Assembly) — From October 7 to 12, Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens held a children's campaign for Pastor Raymond P. Murray. Evangelist

W. S. Barham of Houston, Texas, began a campaign October 14.

SAUSALITO—Brother C. R. Van Dalen is the new pastor, successor to Brother O. A. Robertson. The Van Dalens come to this District from South Carolina.

SOQUEL—Pastor Elizabeth Richardson reports that Brother H. J. Ketner held good meetings there recently. The assembly is soon to move out of its inadequate rented quarters to its new home. It has purchased the Soquel Inn building, which can be readily converted to church and Sunday school use.

SUNNYVALE—Brother Mark A. Hinman has resigned as pastor to go to South Bend, Indiana, to join his brother in the work of the large assembly in that city. Brother Edward Gomes is serving as interim pastor until the church arranges for Brother Hinman's successor. Brother Gomes has recently been holding Sunday school meetings in Southern California.

THORN — Pastor Jasper Ellis reports: "We recently concluded a good revival with Brother and Sister D. L. Brown. Two were saved and four were filled with the Holy Spirit, and there were several wonderful healings."

TRANQUILLITY—Of the vacation Bible school conducted by Sister Agnes Stokes of Morro Bay, Pastor C. H. Miller reports: "It was the greatest Bible school for a town of this size we have ever seen. With over 120 enrolled, the attendance averaged around 90."

WATSONVILLE (Pajaro) — Evangelist A. N. Burns from New Orleans finished two weeks of meetings on Sunday, October 5. That afternoon a ground-breaking ceremony was held at the site of the new church, the pastor and deacons turning the first shovels of dirt along the line of the foundation for the new building. Drawings and blueprints show a beautiful modern structure with a large auditorium, C. A. and Sunday school department auditoriums and ample classroom provision. Brother Thurmond was the special speaker for the occasion. Work on the foundation began the following week. Brother Charles Coffey has been the pastor of this progressive group for the past seven years.

WEAVERVILLE—On Wednesday evening, September 17, the new home of the Weaverville assembly was dedicated as the house of the Lord. The home missions committee, then on tour of the northern end of California, was there and took part in the service. Brother Haystead brought the message. Two young people were saved during the altar call. Located on a two-acre plot of land, with 250-ft frontage, on the main highway at the east side of town, the building has a small auditorium, three classrooms, a kitchen, and a rest room.

LOT FOR SALE—Lot No. 86 at Bethany Park, on Bethany Drive, not far from entrance to the grounds. Will take \$300. Write O. A. Robertson, 820 Villa Ave., San Jose, Calif.



MARY BETH MOORE, front row second from right, is shown with the staff of teachers in the VBS in Modesto's assembly on Tully Road. (See HERE and THERE).

Summer Campaigns in Germany Are Success

Brother Richard Ruff and Ben Kummerfeld arrived in New York by plane on October 11 after spending the summer in Germany in tent meetings in Hamburg and Berlin. Having services in the East and along the route home, it was about four weeks later before they reached California. They with Brother Hal Hermann had had three months of successful meetings in the two large German cities. The services drew large crowds and caused many to make definite decision to accept the gospel.

Brother Joseph Wilderman, who went with Brother Kummerfeld from their work in Glad Tidings Bible Institute to Germany, held many revival meetings in the churches, while the rest of the group carried on with the tent meetings. He went on to Lebanon, in the Near East, to hold a month of meetings at mission stations there before returning to this country.

After the tent meetings closed in Berlin, Brother Hal Hermann joined Brother W. G. Roberts to work on a documentary film for the promotion of the Far East Broadcasting Company's work in Greece. They went to Rome to make some of the pictures before they went on to Greece.

Brother Fred Wulf remained in Berlin for a time to take care of the tent, to get it properly stored so that it will be in good condition and ready for use in that city as soon as the weather will permit next summer. He will return to the States sometime during the winter.

WILL MAKE CHURCH SIGNS — Experienced sign painter, who is a special student at Glad Tidings Bible Institute desires to work for churches in the District. Also makes block signs, cutouts. Licensed with Oklahoma District. Write John McPherson, Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.

Personal Mention

Sister EUNICE LINDVALL went to Hawaii in September to do children's and youth work in some of the assemblies in the islands. Her first meetings were with the Harold Headricks in Wahiawa. After her revival campaign there, she went to Kailua to work with the Glen McCollisters. She expects to be in the islands until sometime near the end of the year.

Evangelist JENNIE O'BRIEN, back from her trip to Europe, has been holding revival campaigns in Georgia, first in Columbus and then in Macon.

Brother EDWARD BYRAM is now doing evangelistic work in the Northwest. His first meeting began in September in Monroe, Washington.

Brother ROBERT FERGUSON (Sister Ferguson is the former Ruth MacPherson) has resigned the pastorate in Ashtabula, Ohio, where they have been for more than a year, and is now in evangelistic work in Kansas. The Fergusons plan to come to California in February to fill some engagements for meetings. While here they will be open for further meetings.

Brother WILLIAM SAVIDGE has accepted the call to be pastor of the People's Tabernacle in Fort Collins, Colorado. He began his ministry there October 5. Mrs. Savidge and the girls joined him later.

Brother JACK LITTLE, who was granted license at the close of the school year in June, has been chosen to be the pastor of the assembly in Lake Fork, Idaho.

Wedding Bells

Pastor George W. Hunter of Guerneville was joined in marriage to the former Marguerite B. Miller of that city on Saturday, September 13. The ceremony, performed in the presence of over 200 guests by Pastor J. Renton Hunter of Monroe, Michigan, brother of the groom, was in the Guerneville Full Gospel Assembly. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in and around Detroit, and then returned to the work of the church in Guerneville.

Evangelist David Slankard and Wanda Lee Mercer were joined in marriage October 18 in Los Angeles.

New Arrival

Leonard and Mary Couchman welcomed their second daughter October 12 in San Francisco. She is going to be known as Luanne Jean.

A WMC Challenge

There's work to be done by the ladies of the church

The following interesting letter came in the mail. I need your suggestions to pass on: "We feel this is the time to get the few saved women, and others who may be interested, together for something that will either be or will grow into a WMC. The Salvation Army here in town has a Home League which is enthusiastically attended, but from what I hear, they merely exchange ideas on home arts and crafts for their own personal enjoyment and occasionally have a rummage sale, the proceeds of which go into the local church. I plan to present to our ladies at the outset the need for working for others more than ourselves and the necessity for a *spiritual*, praying group of ladies in the church who will take the responsibility of becoming boosters, soul winners, prayer warriors, as well as workers.

"This is my plan so far: to organize them as much like a WMC as possible, electing a president and a secretary. Each week one of the ladies will be expected to conduct devotions, if only reading a chapter or Bible portion which she herself has 'dug' up. If she can comment, all the better. I have the mimeographed WMC sheets you sent out last year with the aims, motto, etc., of WMC and I am gleaning suggestions from it. The biggest obstacle is to interest them in missionaries or orphanages or efforts in far-away places. I believe as they grow in the Lord, they will expand that way, but none of them have been saved long and several aren't really saved yet. I was wondering if it might be possible to teach them some of the simple crafts I am teaching the older girls in Bible Club, such as textile painting, nylon flower making, stuffed animals from cloth and oilcloth, and felt work. One week we would get together and learn on something for ourselves, the next week we would do the same thing, but for some missionary, orphanage or 'for others.' That way, they would have the satisfaction of making something pretty for themselves and also be learning that there is someone on earth besides themselves. Of course we get the *Missionary Challenge* and I will use that in the meetings to acquaint them with missions and give them something specific to pray for. Welfare takes fairly good care of the poor here, but I plan to ask our ladies for suggestions concerning needy families, and perhaps we can mend used clothes and make simple toys with Christmas in mind. Because we won't have much of a treasury at first, if ever, it won't be easy to branch out, but I am going to encourage them to help take the responsibility of getting materials together.

"To start off with, I have a carton of remnants from a local department store that can be used for pot holders, stuffed animals and perhaps a crib quilt. I have a textile paint set that will last for a while and unbleached muslin is obtainable here for dish- or hand-towels. I have the materials for nylon hose flowers and can get metal acetate on short notice for pretty lapel birds and butterflies. I have a box of felt scraps and felt hats in bright colors and a large sack of bright yarn. I use these things for handcraft for girls' Bible clubs, but have enough for both. Also have used Christmas and greeting cards.

"I would appreciate it if you would send advice for the organizing and conducting of a small (6 or 7) new WMC. As a matter of fact, if you feel the unction to write a note of greeting and encouragement to the group itself, the reading of it at the first or second meeting would be interesting and encouraging. As soon as we get together, I'll take a picture and send it to you so you can see our dear women."

If your group is lagging a little, perhaps this letter will stir you to new needs in your own community and our workers in the home and foreign field. I received another letter today asking for Sunday school and D.V.B.S. materials. I trust many of you are making the folders for the Sunday school lesson cut-outs and you will write me for names of missionaries and Bible schools where they can be sent. We trust soon to be able to send you patterns for flannel-graph backgrounds.

There has been a fine response to the recent letter sent to the WMCs, and the sectional directors are making the assignments of home missionaries, missionary children and missionary families. Let us not miss one this year! Give and it shall be given unto you!

Mrs. R. J. T.

WE STAND CORRECTED: It was Calvary Tabernacle in Yuba City, not the Live Oak Assembly, that furnished the 1,000 cans of peaches for G.T.B.I. Some of the Lincoln WMC also assisted with the work.

WANTED TO BUY—A good used trumpet or alto horn to take to the mission field. They want it to teach their boys music. They are leaving for El Salvador the end of December. Write Arthur Lindvall, 642 Pine Ave., Pacific Grove, California.

Home From Korea

Chaplain John Lindvall has returned from Korea. Arriving in Sunnyvale, September 5, he spent a few days with his parents, Brother and Sister Aron Lindvall, and then went east to Pennsylvania to join his wife and three children and to take them with him to his new assignment in this country. He is currently stationed in North Carolina, at Fort Bragg. Major Lindvall was awarded the Bronze Medal in Korea for meritorious service with the 160th Infantry Regiment, 40th Division. In part, the citation accompanying the award reads:

"Chaplain Lindvall made a lasting contribution to the morale of his men, while regimental chaplain, through his untiring and continuous visits to front line troops. Even during the most inclement weather conditions, over rugged terrain, Chaplain Lindvall was undaunted as he carried his religious and spiritual missions to troops on outpost positions.

"Through Chaplain Lindvall's consummate planning and determination, religious services were made available to all troops within the regiment. Chaplain Lindvall's frequent visits to troops for counseling and guidance were inspirational to the troops, enabling them to enter into battle morally and spiritually fortified."

Returns For Furlough

Late in September, Brother Maurice H. Luce, with Pato Honeybelle, their adopted eight-year-old daughter, wrote from Suva, Fiji, that they were on their way to the States. They were waiting for a ship to take them to Honolulu, and from there they would get passage to San Francisco, arriving probably the latter part of October. Because there was no relief to take over the duties of their work in Pago Pago, Samoa, Sister Luce remained. She expects to come in a few months, as soon as arrangements can be completed. Brother Luce did not give a California address. However, anyone wishing to contact him by mail may do so by writing to the District office, and mail will be kept for him till he calls for it.

He Leadeth Me

One step ahead is all I now can see,
But He who notes the sparrow's fall, He leadeth me.
Not always by the water still my feet may tread,
But with my hand in His, I know that I am led.
And for the lonely, rocky way, what'er the length,
He hath shod my feet with patience and with strength.
So, though the pathway smooth or rough may be,
Oh, joyful thought, my Father leadeth me!

Good Missionary Convention In Oakland

The missionary convention held in Oakland's Civic Auditorium October 13 and 14 was a gratifying success. Sponsored by the assemblies of the east bay area, it drew good crowds to see and hear the missionaries who had been brought together for the occasion. At the closing service, Tuesday night, over \$4,000 in cash and pledges was raised for the cause of world missions.

Brother Kenneth Short, missionary to Borneo and the Philippines, was the main speaker. Brother Paul Pipkin, Philippine Islands and China, and Brother Floyd Thomas, Gold Coast, West Africa, also were speakers at the convention. The pictures Brother Pipkin showed of the Philippines and Brother Ralph Cobb showed of Africa were very enlightening. Other missionaries who took part in the convention were Brother and Sister Wheeler Anderson, West Africa; Brother and Sister Vallence Baird, Singapore; Brother and Sister Ovid Dillingham, North India; Brother and Sister Walter Erickson, Peru; Brother and Sister Arthur Lindvall, El Salvador; Brother and Sister A. J. Morrison, Hawaii; Brother R. B. Caveness, Amboin, Indonesia; Sister Jennie Carlson, Liberia, West Africa; Sister Inez Kreiss, North India; Sister Bernice Lee, North India; and Sister Jessie Wengler, Japan. Pastor Oliver L. Foth, himself a former missionary to India, was the convention chairman.

Time For Horizons

Of a famous politician long since gone to his fathers, it was said he was so busy meeting people that he did not have time to get acquainted with himself. Understandingly, Emerson told of a man who called every day at the post office expecting a letter. "Some day," he added, "he may hear from himself, and it will frighten him."

Surely there is a lonely void in the life of one who cannot take the leisure to pause at intervals that he may read the graphs of his own mind, as the captain of a vessel takes time to contemplate the routes in his chart room. For in his daily haste life races away from him, leaving him aft, half blinded in the spray and the foam; no horizon, no sail to point, no wonderful sun-up to clear the fog; only splash and mist. Not to see the far sea! Not to catch the faint furl of a dream that lifted anchor long ago, is to miss one of the luxuries of this human voyage!

The hardest battles we have to fight are those we fight with ourselves.

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Emotion is no substitute for devotion.



GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE students, above left, participate in spontaneous praise and worship during the faggot service that culminated the freshman reception. Right: A student trio performing at the District Sunday school convention in Sacramento. They are Evelyn Baker, "Rusty" Baker, and Jo Ann Dowdy.

Young People Enjoy School at G. T. B. I.

The 1952 fall semester at Glad Tidings Bible Institute has been particularly characterized by frequent outpourings of the Holy Spirit.

At the traditional freshman reception, Pastor L. R. Keys of Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, brought a challenging message to the student body. At the close of the message there was a faggot service and many lives were unreservedly dedicated to the service of Christ and the gospel. Hearts were stirred and uplifted by the Holy Spirit, and a burden of prayer swept over the entire congregation.

This spirit that began the semester still prevails throughout the campus. Many have been drawn to a closer communion with the Lord. Four young men students have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during the evening devotions. There has been a wonderful atmosphere in both the boys' and girls' evening devotions, and several students have reported physical healings that took place during this time.

The students have enjoyed the ministry of special speakers such as: Evangelist Lorne Case, Brother and Sister Morrison of the Hawaiian Islands. Brother P. A. Megna of San Jose, and Brother Kenneth Haystead, the Institute Business Manager.

Often the Spirit of God has taken control in the morning chapel services, moving the students to pray and praise the Lord on through the morning. Two students have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during chapel services.

A group of students have started a new work at the Ben Lomond Youth Authority Camp in Felton. Those participating report that many of these delinquent boys have asked questions about the way of salvation and seem to be hungry for the gospel.

The Saturday-evening street meetings in Santa Cruz have been mightily blessed of God. A special anointing seems to come upon those students who participate. Many of the students have reported that in their personal work at these meet-

ings, they have had the thrill of leading people to Christ. Souls are definitely being reached for Christ through this weekly effort.

At all hours of the day and far into the night prayer may be heard arising from the prayer room. It seems that the Shekinah glory of the Lord is always present, even in the very atmosphere of the prayer room. God is assuredly visiting Glad Tidings with His Spirit, and the students seem to be growing, not only in knowledge, but in spirituality as well.

Several car loads of students were able to attend the recent District Sunday school convention, and all who attended report blessing and inspiration from the meetings. The students and faculty appreciated being able to have a part, both as spectators and as participants.

Beatrice Curtright,
Freshman student.

The total enrollment this year is reported to be 138, with a freshman class of better than 80 students. This enrollment is an increase over that of last year, and, though not large, it is distinctly encouraging.

Those interested in knowing more about Glad Tidings Bible Institute should write:

Registrar,
Glad Tidings Bible Institute,
P. O. Box 961,
Santa Cruz, California.

The spring semester will begin on January 26, 1953. New students are invited to plan to enroll at that time.

A Good Recipe For a Day

Take a little dash of water cold,
And a little leaven of prayer,
And a little bit of morning gold
Dissolved in the morning air.
Add to your meal some merriment
And a thought for kith and kin,
And then as your prime ingredient,
A plenty of work thrown in.
Spice it all with the essence of love
And a little whiff of play;
Let a wise old Book and a look above
Complete the well made day.

—Sel.

Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Food for Thought

In a self-service food chain in New Jersey, the Bible is now being stocked along with the groceries. Joe Bildner, president of the supermarkets concern, believes the Bible to be as important as food. He says, "It's our job to supply the things that people want and need, and in these troubled times they need nothing as much as they need the Bible."

Good Taxes

Last November 1 a new Federal Tax struck down a U.S. industry that handled more than \$10,000,000,000 cash yearly, hired some 300,000 workers, rewarded its top management with incomes exceeding \$500,000 a year, and sold services to an estimated ten million Americans. The industry is gambling, which is illegal in every state but Nevada. The blow that crippled it was the tax on betting. The new law cuts the U. S. Treasury in on ten per cent of the monthly gross take on horse books, numbers rackets, punchboards, lotteries, and bets on sports events. For a crusher, the bookie or numbers racketeer must register his name, address, and place of gambling business, and buy a \$50 occupational stamp for himself and for every employee taking bets in his establishment.

Our National Debauch

We have sinned against the law of sobriety, and we need a revival of temperance. Fourteen years ago the United States was spending a little more than a billion dollars on its liquor in one year. Steadily our national debauch has increased until last year the outlay for liquor was approximately nine billion dollars. For that sum of money you could place a \$4 Bible in the hands of every human being in the world. You could support 4,350,000 missionaries at a rate of \$2,000 each. America desperately needs a revival of sobriety. (*Christian Digest*).

Mental Illness in California

A State department reveals the following facts. One in twenty persons will spend part of his life in a mental hospital. One in ten persons will need professional help with an emotional problem. One in five families is directly affected by mental illnesses. Fifty thousand patients are under the care or supervision of the Department of Mental Hygiene. Every 36 minutes one new patient enters a mental hospital in California.

A Book a Minute

A new cathode-ray-tube machine will automatically record numbers and letters at the speed of 10,000 characters a second. At this rate, the machine could write a book a minute.

New Mechanical Wonders

Another development that reveals the increase in knowledge in these last days is a new milling machine which is operated without an operator by the use of an electronic hookup. The drawings are reduced to a tape through a computer, and the interpreter relates instructions to the machine which automatically machines the parts. In one airplane part it has reduced the operation from 27 hours down to two hours and 24 minutes, actual machining time from two hours and 49 minutes to 24 minutes.

High Cost of Taxes

If you had started on January 1 in the year 1236—256 years before Columbus discovered America—and spent one million dollars every day of every year in the 716 years that have elapsed since that time, it would still take you until May 8, 1953, to spend as much money as the U.S. Government has collected in taxes since World War II ended. That's what the \$262,000,000,000, which your Federal Government has collected and spent in the period from August, 1945, to January, 1952, amounts to. That is why one dollar out of every five dollars you have earned in the last six and a half years has gone for Federal taxes.

One Billion Dollars Stolen

It is reported that employees these days are outstealing professional burglars by more than five to one. Last year these unarmed robbers clipped their bosses for at least a billion dollars in embezzlements, forgeries, and thefts, according to estimates of leading public accountants. This type of embezzlement increased 50 per cent since 1947, a revelation of moral decline and deterioration.

Advice to a Drinker

It is reported that a Catholic bishop gave the following advice to a heavy drinker: "First build your bar in your own home and be the *only* customer. Give your wife six dollars to buy the first quart of liquor, remembering there should be at least 16 drinks in the quart. Buy drinks from no one but your wife, and pay her at the rate a bar would charge. By the time the first quart is finished, she will have six dollars to put in the bank and six dollars to start business again. If you live ten years and continue to buy from her, you can then die of delirium tremens and she will have plenty to bury you, educate your children, marry a decent man, and forget the misery you brought her."

Slavery Revived

Quotation from Ira E. Bennett, former editor of *Washington Post*: The world stares at the apparition of a slave

empire that has risen in the East, declaring war on civilization. The nations, appalled, do not know how to ward off this sudden attack. The enemy employs methods that have never been used before, against which no defense has yet been devised. By seizing the cheapest and most effective economic lever that mankind has ever conceived, slavery, and by employing the most modern weapons yet developed, the world's enemy has overrun most of Asia and may be about to take over the remainder, including India. It was thought that state slavery was extinct, along with slave holding by individuals. Now it has been revived in two great regions where it can flourish and run its course, Russia and China. It is horrifying even to think of the menace to the world. And to make matters infinitely worse, they are keeping the millions in their power from hearing the precious gospel.

Desalting Sea Water

Experimenters have developed a filtering membrane that can desalt 1,000 gallons of sea water at an electric expenditure of only 20 kilowatts, compared with the 100 kilowatts for the next best method. This may be the means of transforming many deserts into lush paradises. It could be a tremendous boon to Palestine.

WE THANK THEE, LORD

For our country, Lord, we thank Thee,
Free from cruel wars and strife,
For the fullness of Thy bounty,
For a free, untrammelled life;
For the courage of our fathers
Who by toil and sacrifice
Gave to us this land of freedom,
Lord, our thanks to Thee shall rise.

For the grand majestic mountains,
For the ever-sparkling rills
That send for their crystal waters
Winding down the verdant hills;
For the fertile vales and hamlets,
Nestling snug and peacefully—
For these wondrous gifts of nature,
Lord, our thanks we give to Thee.

For our homes by Thee so favored
With rich bounties from Thy hand,
For refreshing rain and sunshine
That renew the parched land;
For the seedtime and the harvest
Making sure a plenteous store—
For these never-failing blessings,
Lord, we praise Thee evermore.

Not for temporal blessings only
Shall our praise to Thee ascend,
But for triumphs of the spirit
And for joys that shall not end;
Thou art still our Benefactor,
All our hope eternally;
'Mid the world's relentless conflict,
Keep our hearts, Lord, calm in Thee.

—Bessie P. Gilmore